

**SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE**

HENRY duPONT RIDGELY
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**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
OF THE
PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

NO. 94-8

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT
OF
PRE-TRIAL SUPERVISION
OF
JUVENILE DEFENDANT CRIMINAL CASES**

This 23rd day of December, 1994, IT APPEARS THAT:

(A) From the commencement of a juvenile defendant's criminal prosecution to its conclusion by adjudication or otherwise, any elapsed time other than reasonably required for pleadings, discovery, and court events is unacceptable and must be eliminated. To enable just and efficient resolution of juvenile defendant criminal cases, the Superior Court, not counsel or the litigants, shall control the pace of such litigation in this Court. Counsel for the State and the defendant have a responsibility as officers of the Court to eliminate unnecessary delay consistent with their ethical obligations to their clients.

(B) The assignment of a Judge in each county to provide pre-trial supervision of each juvenile defendant criminal case will help assure that such cases are adjudicated without unnecessary delay; and

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(C) Such assignment will also improve communications between the Superior Court, the Family Court, and the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families concerning the status of such cases and any companion case pending before the Family Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED that:

Effective this date the pretrial supervision in each county of all juvenile defendant criminal cases, not otherwise specially assigned by the President Judge, shall be as follows until further notice:

New Castle:	Judge Charles H. Toliver, IV
Kent:	Resident Judge N. Maxson Terry, Jr.
Sussex:	Resident Judge William Swain Lee

All juvenile defendant criminal cases should be adjudicated within 120 days of arrest unless exceptional circumstances are shown to the Court which justify a departure from this guideline. Scheduling priority shall be given to juvenile defendants detained in default of bail. The Case Scheduling Officers in each county shall include the above-named Judges and the Chief Judge of the Family Court on their status reports to the President Judge of juvenile defendant criminal cases pending before the Superior Court.



President Judge

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